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Understanding Highley Electoral Division - People, Housing, Economy & Community

Demographics for Highley, Billingsley,
Middleton Scriven, Glaseley & Duxhill

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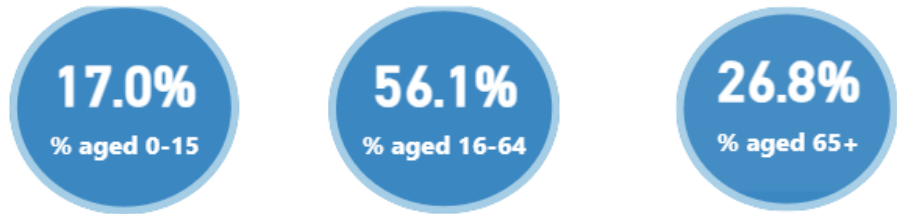
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Population Overview

Key Population Statistics: Highley Electoral Division

Population (2022)	Change in Population (2011-2022)	% Change in Population (2011-2022)
4,347	377	9.5%

The population of Highley Electoral Division is broken down as follows:



The population of **Highley Electoral Division** changed by 9.5 % between 2011 and 2022. Population growth has been higher than the Shropshire average of 6.6% since 2011.

The percentage of the population of traditional working age (16-64) is 56.1%. This is lower than the Shropshire average which stands at 58.4%.

The proportion of the population which is aged 65 and above is 26.8%. This is higher than in Shropshire (25.8%).

Breakdown of population by Gender (2022): Highley Electoral Division



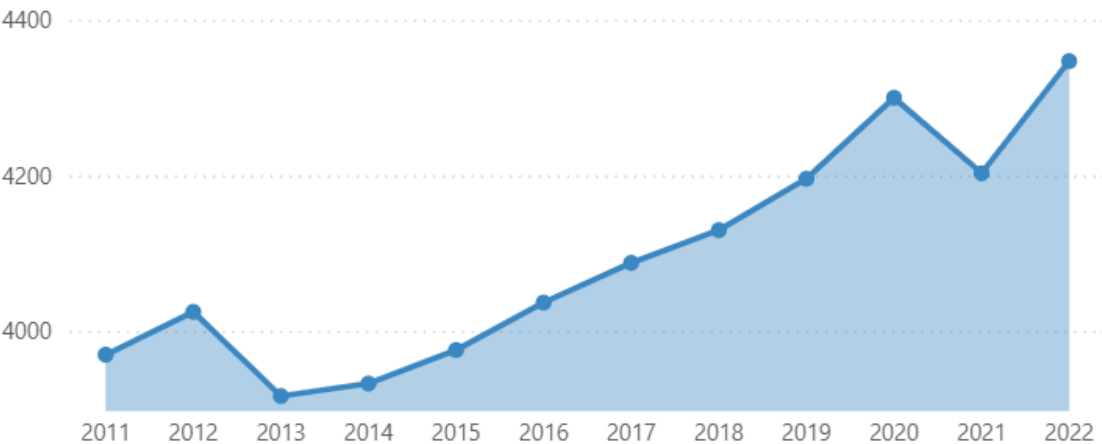
Dependency Ratio: Highley Electoral Division

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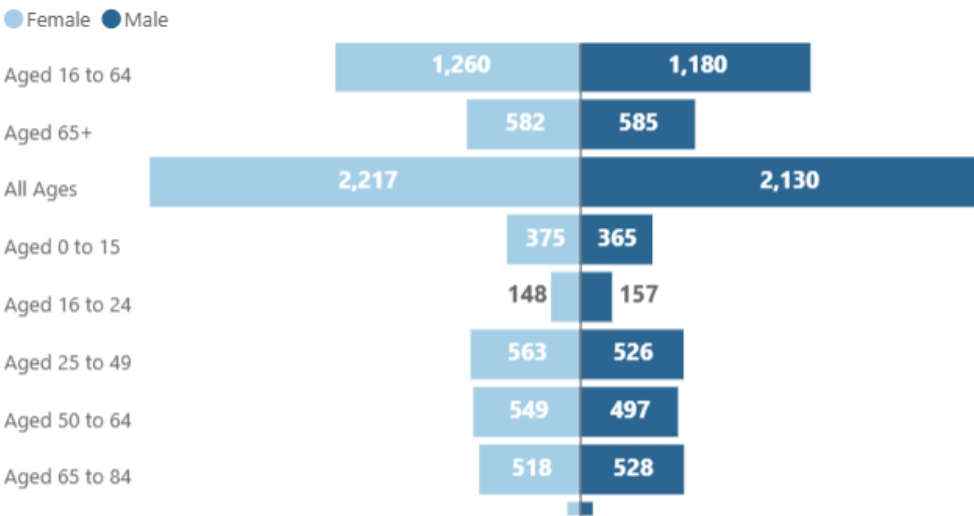
Shropshire 71.2, England 59.0

The dependency ratio represents the number of dependents (those aged 0-15 and those aged 65+) per 100 working people.

Growth in Population: Highley Electoral Division



Breakdown of Population by Age and Gender (2022): Highley Electoral Division



Religion, Ethnicity & Language

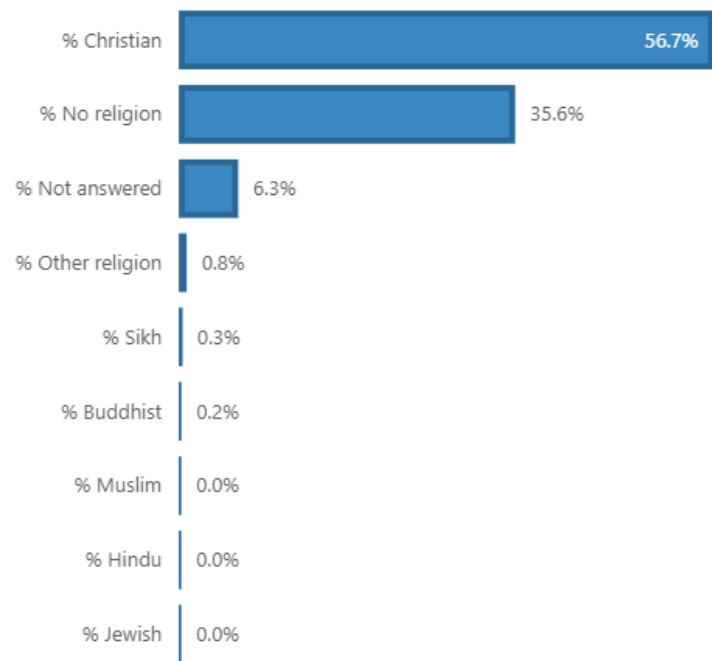


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Breakdown of Population by Religion: Highley Electoral Division

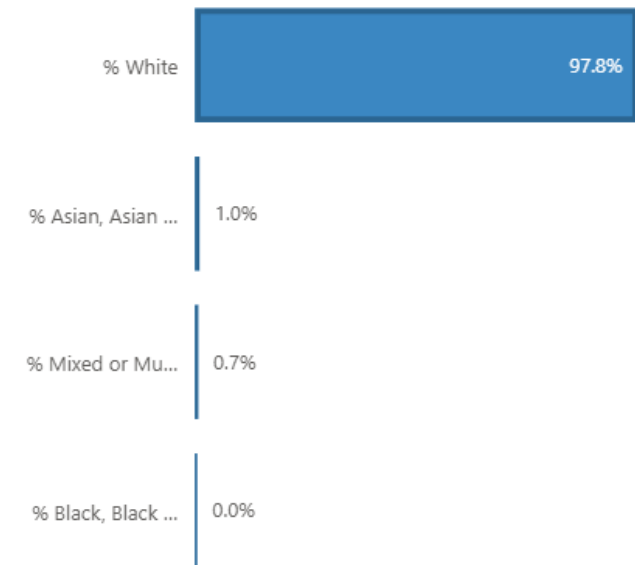


In **Highley Electoral Division** **56.7 %** of the population describe themselves as Christian. This compares with 55.5% in Shropshire and 46.3% in England.

35.6 % claim to have no religion (37.0% Shropshire and 36.7% England).

At the time of the Census the proportion of the population that followed all other religions stood at **1.4%** in **Highley Electoral Division**.

Breakdown of Population by Ethnic Group: Highley Electoral Division



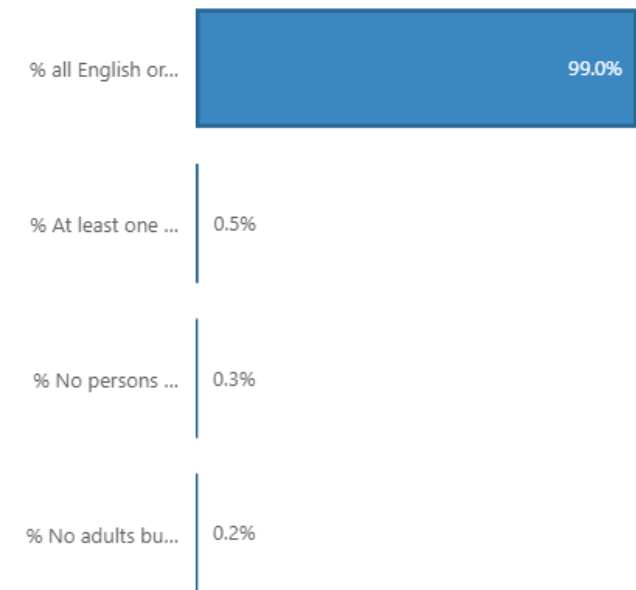
97.8 % of the population in **Highley Electoral Division** describe themselves as white. This compares with 96.7% of the Shropshire population and 81.0% of the population in England.

0.0 % of the population describe themselves as Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African. This compares with 0.3% in Shropshire and 4.2% in England.

1.0 % of the population describe themselves as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh (1.3% Shropshire and 9.6% England).

0.7 % describe themselves as Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups (1.2% Shropshire and 3.0% England).

Main Household Language: Highley Electoral Division



The vast majority of **Highley Electoral Division** households comprise all adults for whom the main language is English (**99.0 %** compared with 97.1% in Shropshire and 89.3% in England).

There are **5** households where no people in the household have English as their main language, and a further **3** households where there are no adults with English as their main language, but at least one 3-15 year old who does have English as their main language.

Health & Disability

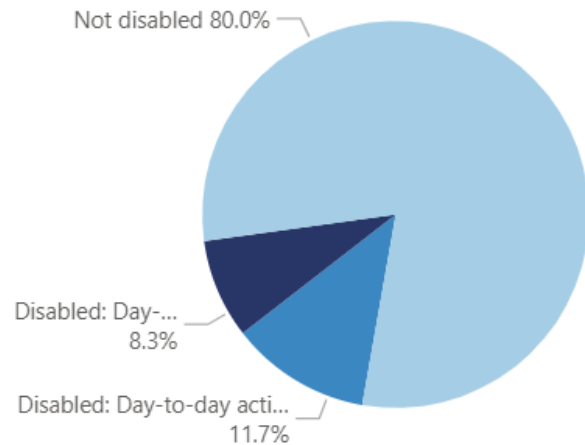


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Proportion of the Population that is Disabled according to the Equalities Act: Highley Electoral Division



In **Highley Electoral Division** 833 people are disabled according to the Equalities Act. This equates with **20.0 %** of the population.

This proportion is higher than the Shropshire figure of 18.5%.

The England rate stands at 17.3%.

Of the residents that have a disability (under the Equalities Act), **345** say that their activities are limited a lot.

In **Highley Electoral Division** **7.1 %** of the population are not disabled, but have a long term physical or mental health condition which does not limit their day-to-day activities.

General Health: Highley Electoral Division

● % Very good health ● % Good health ● % Fair health ● % Bad health ● % Very bad health



In **Highley Electoral Division** **6.2%** of the population claim to have bad or very health.

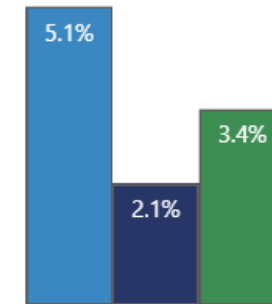
This is higher than the Shropshire figure of 5.1%. The England percentage is similar to Shropshire's at 5.2%.

The proportion of the population saying they have good or very good health is **78.7%**.

This is lower than the Shropshire figure of 81.3%. The proportion in England is 82.2%.

Proportion of the Population Providing Unpaid Care (per week): Highley Electoral Division

● % up to 19 hours unpaid care ● % 20-49 hours unpaid care ● % 50 plus hours unpaid care



In **Highley Electoral Division** **415** residents aged 5 years old and above provided some unpaid care for a family member, friend or relative. This is the equivalent of **10.5%** of the population (aged 5 years and above). This compares with 9.6% in Shropshire and 8.8% in England.

The majority of unpaid carers provide up to 19 hours of care per week. However, in **Highley Electoral Division** there are **132 people** who provided 50 or more hours unpaid care. This represents **3.4%** of the population.

Household Composition

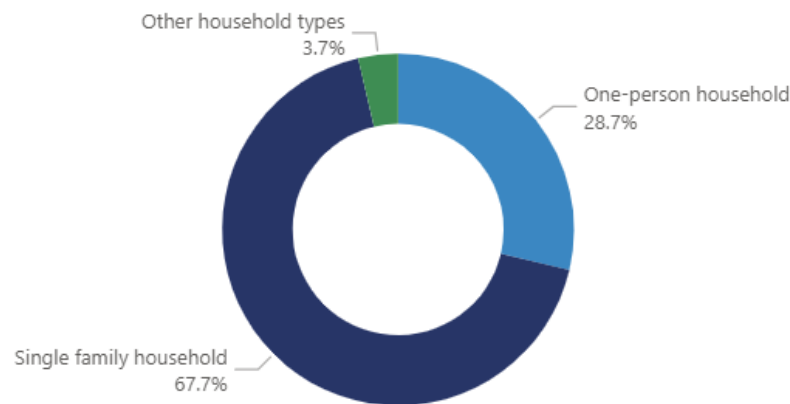


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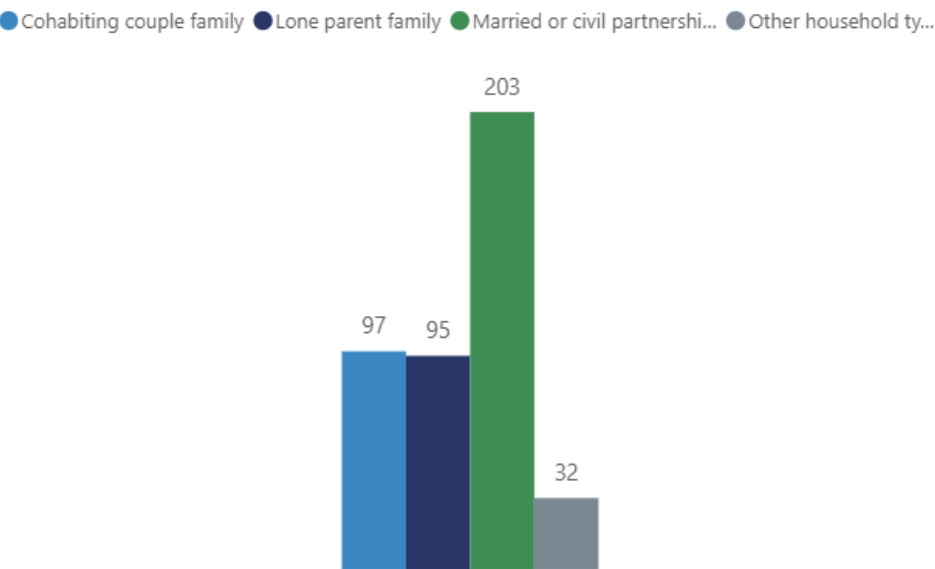
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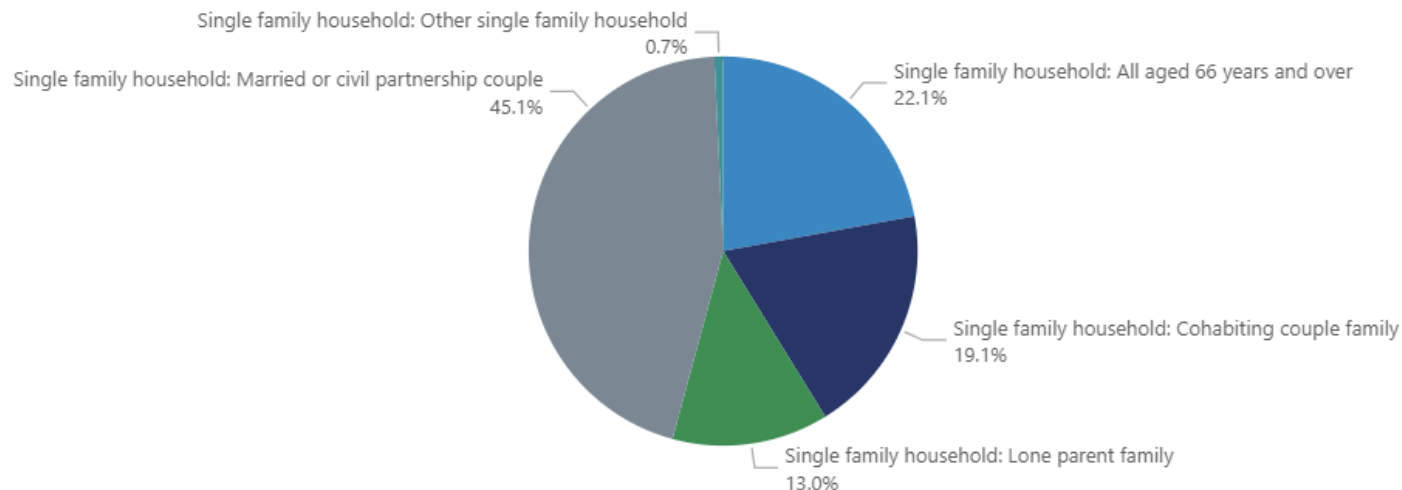
All Households; Breakdown by Composition: Highley Electoral Division



Number of Households with Dependent Children: Highley Electoral Division



Single Family Households: Highley Electoral Division



The proportion of households in **Highley Electoral Division** with dependent children is **23.3%**. This is similar to the Shropshire average of 23.9%.
The proportion of households with all residents aged 66 and over is **31.1%**. This is higher than the Shropshire average of 29.0%.

Households with all Residents aged 66 and over: Highley Electoral Division

One-person household: Aged 66 years and over Single family household: All aged 66 years and over



Housing Statistics



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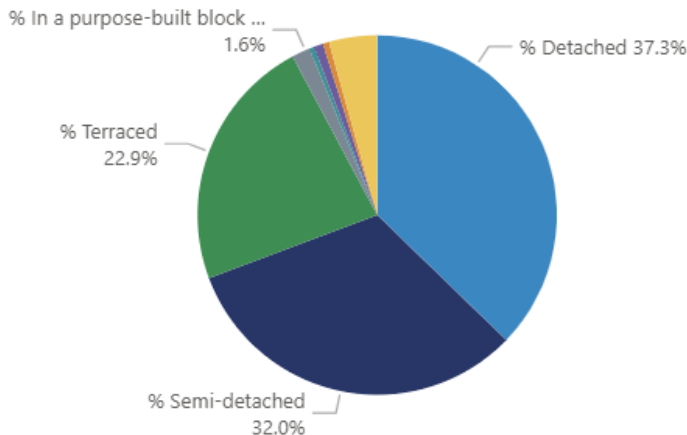
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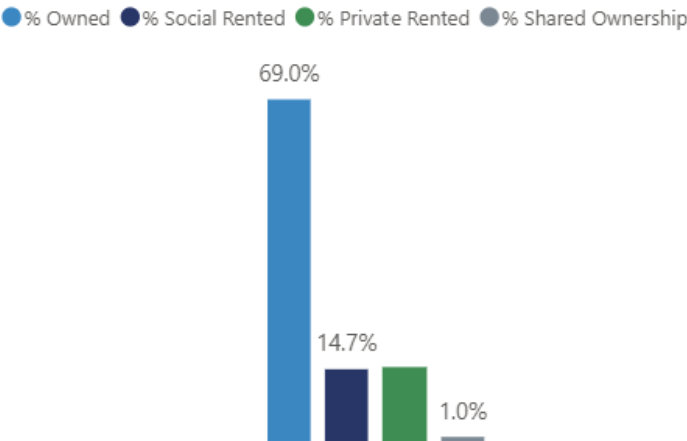
Key Statistics on Housing in Highley Electoral Division

Number of Households	Average Household Size	Households with no Central Heating	Living in Communal Establishment
1,820	2.3	32	0

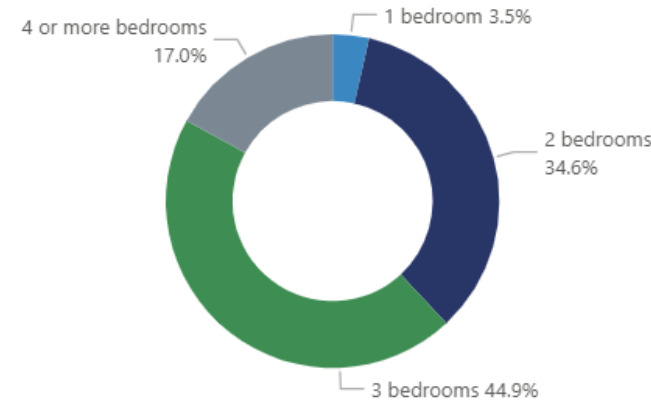
Breakdown of Housing by Type: Highley Electoral Division



Breakdown of Housing by Tenure: Highley Electoral Division



Number of Bedrooms: Highley Electoral Division



In **Highley Electoral Division 37.3 %** of houses are detached. This compares with 41.0% in Shropshire and 31.5% in England. Detached houses tend to be more common in rural locations.

32.0 % of houses are semi-detached (33.5% in Shropshire and 31.5% in England). **22.9 %** of houses are terraced (15.8% in Shropshire and 23.0% in England). **1.6 %** of houses are flats in a purpose built block (6.1% in Shropshire and 17.1% in England).

69.0% of homes are owned (44.4% owned outright and 24.7% owned with a mortgage). This is higher than the Shropshire figure of 68.6%. **14.7%** of homes are socially rented. This is higher than the Shropshire figure of 13.0%.

The number of houses with no central heating is **32**. This equates with **1.7%** of all households. This is higher than the Shropshire average of 1.4%

Car Ownership & Travel to Work

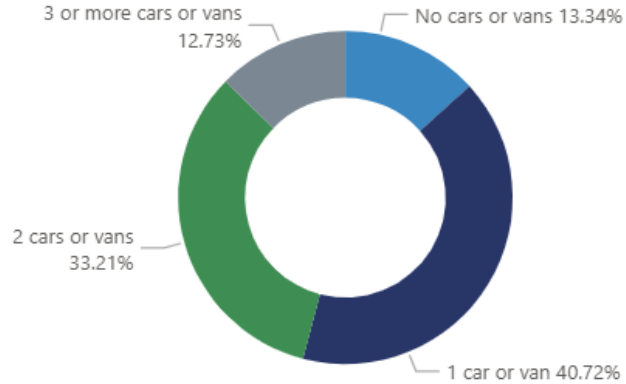


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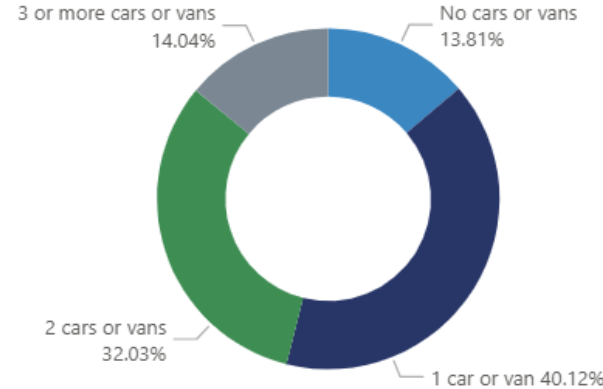
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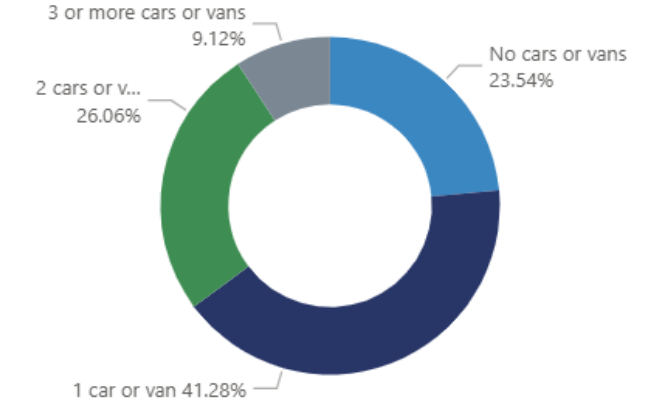
Number of Cars of Vans by Household: Highley Electoral Division



Shropshire



England



Distance travelled to work: Highley Electoral Division

Distance	Value
% Less than 2km	7.3%
% 2km to less than 5km	2.5%
% 5km to less than 10km	12.6%
% 10km to less than 20km	12.4%
% 20km to less than 30km	10.6%
% 30km to less than 40km	6.5%
% 40km to less than 60km	4.4%
% 60km or more	2.9%
% works mainly from home	21.6%
% other	19.1%

Source: Census 2021

The rural nature of Shropshire means that car ownership is high. Just 13.8% of all Shropshire households did not have access to a car or van at the time of the 2021 Census. This compares with a national average of 23.5%.

7.3% of the **Highley Electoral Division** population (aged 16 and above) travelled less than 2km to get to work in 2021. This compares with 12.8% in Shropshire and 11% in England. **34.9%** travelled less than 20km (40.0% in Shropshire and 45.7% in England).

24.5% travelled more than 20km compared with 17.4% in Shropshire and 8.3% in England.

In Highley Electoral Division **21.6%** worked mainly from home. This compares with 27.2% in Shropshire and 31.5% in England.

Other locations include off-shore, outside the UK, and no fixed work base.

It should be noted that the 2021 Census took place during the Covid-19 pandemic and this will have impacted on where people were working.

Employment Overview

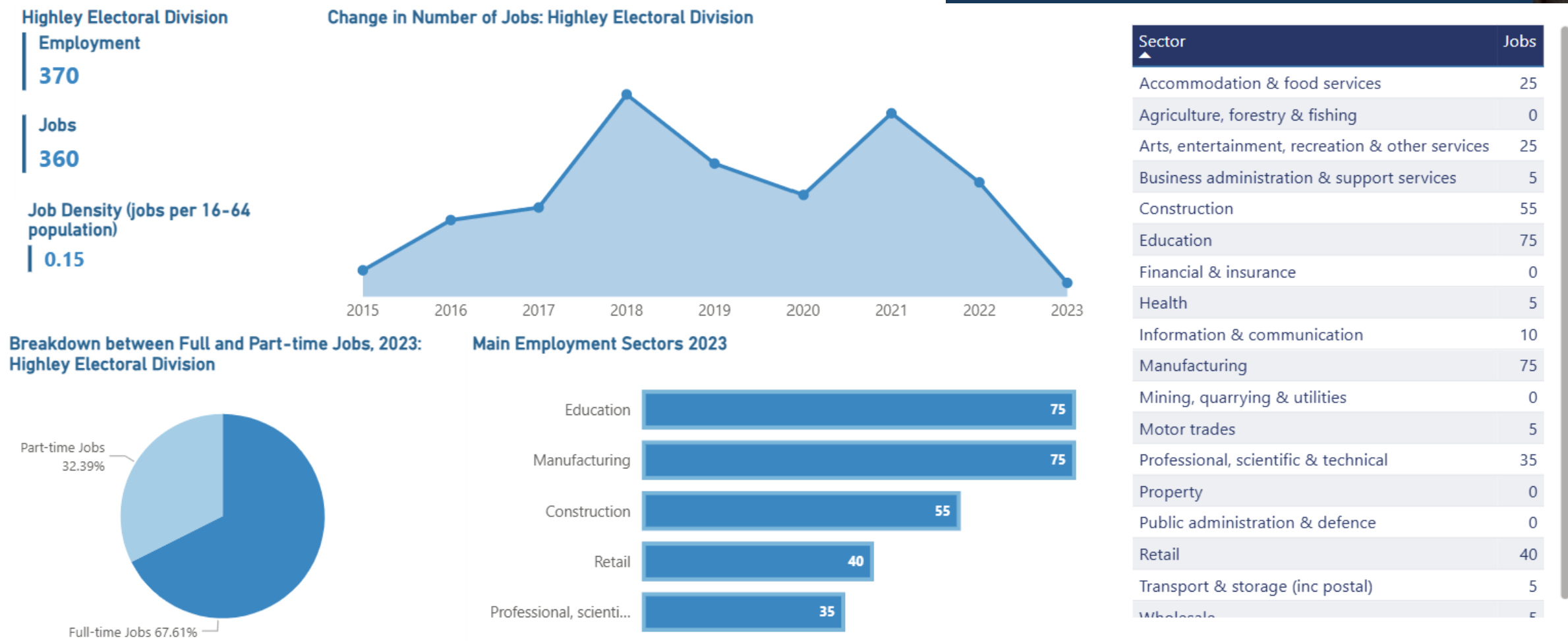


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There were **360** jobs in **Highley Electoral Division** in 2023. The number of employments, which includes sole traders and working proprietors as well as employees, stood at **370**. The number of jobs increased by **-10** between 2015 and 2024. This equates with growth of **-2.7%**. Across Shropshire, the number of jobs increased by 9.2% between 2015 and 2023.

Occupations & Qualifications

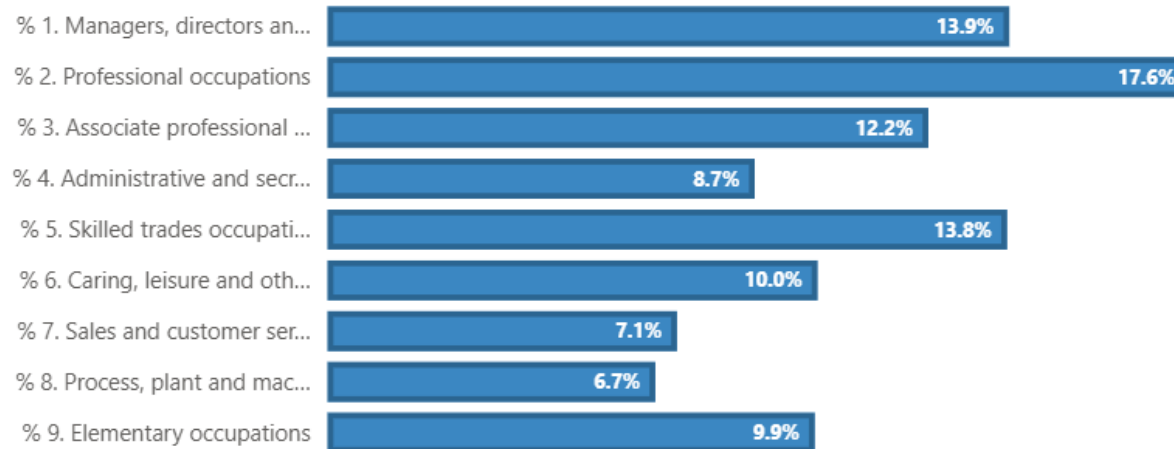


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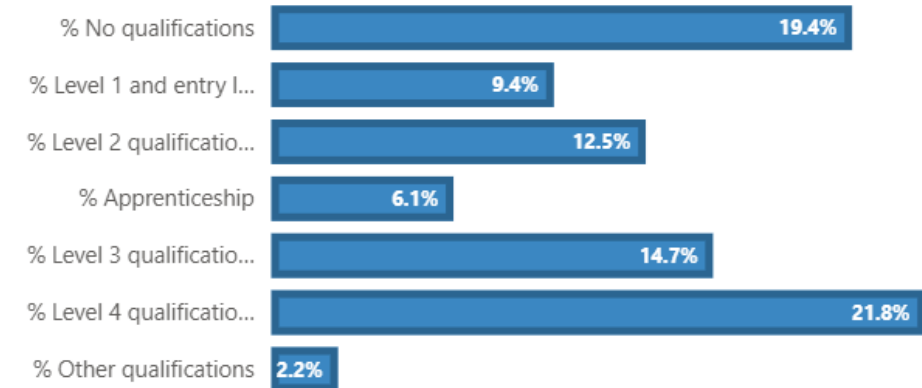


Breakdown of 16+ Population by OccupationL Highley Electoral Division



Occupation	% Electoral Division	% Shropshire	% England
% 1. Managers, directors and senior officials	13.1%	13.9%	12.9%
% 2. Professional occupations	13.9%	17.6%	20.3%
% 3. Associate professional and technical occupations	11.0%	12.2%	13.3%
% SOC 1 3	37.9%	43.7%	46.4%
% 4. Administrative and secretarial occupations	8.1%	8.7%	9.3%
% 5. Skilled trades occupations	17.0%	13.8%	10.2%
% 6. Caring, leisure and other service occupations	9.7%	10.0%	9.3%
% 7. Sales and customer service occupations	7.6%	7.1%	7.5%
% SOC 4-7	42.4%	39.7%	36.2%
% 8. Process, plant and machine operatives	8.1%	6.7%	6.9%
% 9. Elementary occupations	11.5%	9.9%	10.5%
% SOC 8-9	19.7%	16.6%	17.4%

Breakdown of 16+ Population by Highest Level of Qualification: Highley Electoral Division



Qualification	Electoral Division %	Shropshire %	England %
% Level 4 qualifications or above	21.8%	32.5%	33.9%
% No qualifications	19.4%	16.7%	18.1%
% Level 3 qualifications	14.7%	17.4%	16.9%
% Level 2 qualifications	12.5%	15.0%	13.3%
% Level 1 and entry level qualifications	9.4%	9.6%	9.7%
% Apprenticeship	6.1%	6.1%	5.3%
% Other qualifications	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%

Source: Census 2021

Labour Market & Economic Activity



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Labour Market Key Statistics: Highley Electoral Division

Economically active (excluding full-time students)

1,847

Economically active and a full-time student

31

Economically inactive

1,619

Unemployed

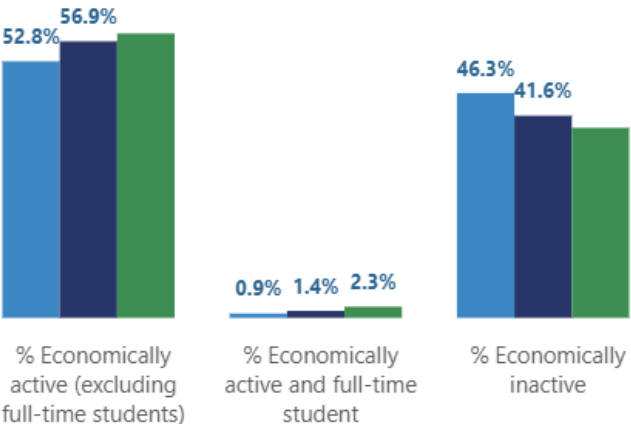
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Self-employed

409

Breakdown of 16+ Population by Economic Activity Status: Highley Electoral Division

● % Electoral Division ● % Shropshire ● % England

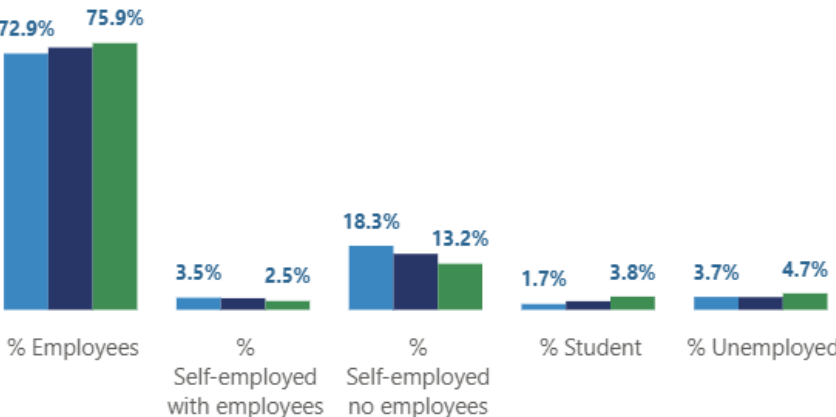


11.7%
of the 16+ population is self-employed

This compares with 11.3% in Shropshire and 9.5% in England.

Breakdown of Economically Active Population (16+): Highley Electoral Division

● % Electoral Division ● % Shropshire ● % England



2.0%
of the 16+ population is unemployed

This compares with 2.1% in Shropshire and 2.9% in England.

Indices of Deprivation



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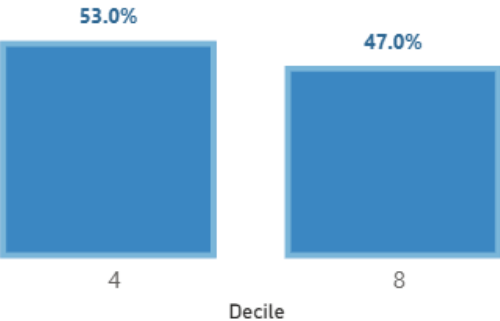
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IMD Domain Name

- IMD Overall
- Income
- Income Deprivation affecting ...
- Income Deprivation affecting ...
- Employment
- Education & Skills
- Children & Young People Skills
- Adult Skills
- Health & Disability
- Crime
- Barriers to Housing & Services
- Geographic Barriers
- Wider Barriers
- Living Environment
- Indoor Environment
- Outdoor Environment

Indices of Multiple Deprivation % of Population by National Decile: IMD Overall
Highley Electoral Division



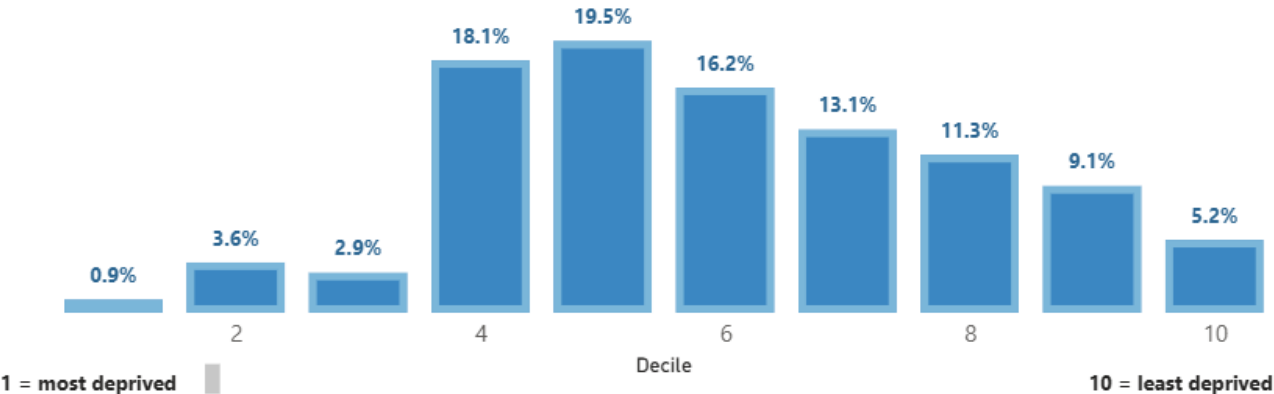
Indices of Multiple Deprivation: IMD Overall

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Please note: Best fit of lower level
super output area (2011) to Electoral
Division boundary

Indices of Multiple Deprivation % of Shropshire Population: IMD Overall



Highley Electoral Division ranks **33** out of 72 Shropshire Electoral Divisions in terms of deprivation. This places the Electoral Division in the third most deprived quintile of Shropshire according to the overall IMD.

The Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019 provide a set of relative measures of deprivation for small areas (Lower Level Super Output Areas) across England based on seven main domains of deprivation:

- Income Deprivation (which includes two supplementary indices, Income Deprivation affecting Children and Income Deprivation affecting Older People)
- Employment
- Education (with two sub-domains, Children and Young People and Adults)